

The Seguin Gazette  
<http://seguingazette.com>

Copyright © 2004 The Seguin Gazette

## **Officers make 'clean sweep'**

**By Bryan Kirk**  
Seguin Gazette

Published July 09, 2004

Some of Guadalupe County's most wanted felons were arrested in early morning raids Thursday.

Sheriff Arnold Zwicke announced 54 suspects — all wanted on various charges including rape and indecency with a child and theft — were rounded up in what law enforcement officials called "Operation Clean Sweep."

Local law enforcement agencies worked with officials from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshals Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to make the arrests.

Eighty-seven law enforcement officers armed with 223 outstanding warrants took to the streets at about 4 a.m., and continued searching for suspects throughout the day.

"This is the third operation of this sort since I became the U.S. Marshal of the Western District," said LaFayette Collins. "All three have proven to be very successful and taken a very high number of fugitives off the streets. The more we do, the better organized we become."

All of the warrants targeted people wanted on felony charges in Guadalupe County, but law enforcement officials focused their attention on six surrounding counties for possible apprehension.

All of the wanted subjects captured will be held in the the Guadalupe County Jail, Zwicke said.

Zwicke said the success of capturing the 54 wanted subjects made Guadalupe County a safer place to live and work than it had been 24 hours before.

"I would think the community is a lot safer because these people are not out on the street," Zwicke said.

Zwicke praised the interagency cooperation demonstrated during Operation Clean Sweep.

Collins said the latest roundup of fugitives wanted on felony warrants is only the beginning.

Despite only 54 arrests initially made from the 223 warrants, Collins said he still considers Operation Clean Sweep successful.